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SUBJECT: PRESS INTERVIEW OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR

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1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN REACTED QUICKLY TO THE LONDON BERLIN DECLARATION IN A PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 11. FALIN CRITICIZED THE DECLARATION, ASSERTING THAT IT INCORRECTLY STATED THE SITUATION OF THE TIES BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND THE FRG AND THE REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN BY THE FRG. SPECIFICALLY, FALIN ADVOCATED STICKING TO THE STRICT WORDING OF THE QA WHEN TALKING ABOUT TIES, NOTING THAT IN THE QA IT IS STATED THAT WEST BERLIN IS NOT A PART OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND IS NOT TO BE GOVERNED BY THE FRG. FALIN ALSO ASSERTED THAT THE QA TREATS REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN BY THE FRG ONLY IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WHILE THE WORDING OF THE LONDON  
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DECLARATION SPEAKS ABOUT A WIDER ROLE FOR THE FRG.

2. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS FROM THE JOURNALISTS PRESENT FALIN ALSO STATED THAT:

-- THE BREZHNEV VISIT TO THE FRG WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1977. PRESS REPORTS CITED INFORMED

SOURCES TO THE EFFECT THAT THE VISIT MAY BE SCHEDULED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER OR THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER.

-- THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRG-USSR RELATIONS IN THE SEVEN YEARS SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE MOSCOW TREATY HAS BEEN POSITIVE, ESPECIALLY IN TRADE. NEVERTHELESS, EXPECTATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WERE HIGHER THAN ACTUAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND A SERIES OF PROBLEMS REMAIN IN THE POLITICAL FIELD. THE WAY TO OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS IS TO FULFILL THE PROVISIONS OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS.

-- PREJUDICES AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS CAN BE RESOLVED AT TIMES ONLY ON THE HIGHEST LEVELS.

-- SIGNATURE OF THE THREE STALLED AGREEMENTS DURING THE BREZHNEV VISIT IS NOT NECESSARY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE VISIT. IN THIS CONNECTION, FALIN CONFIRMED THAT THE QUESTION OF INCLUSION OF BERLIN IN THE THREE AGREEMENTS IS STILL NOT SETTLED.

-- THERE IS MISUNDERSTANDING IN THE WEST OF SOVIET DEFENSE GOALS. THE JOURNALISTS INTERPRETED THIS STATEMENT TO MEAN THAT MBFR WILL BE A CRUCIAL POINT IN SCHMIDT--BREZHNEV DISCUSSIONS.

3. THE REPORTS ON THE FALIN PRESS INTERVIEW WERE ACCOMPANIED BY REPORTS FROM MOSCOW CONCERNING EGON UNCLASSIFIED

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BAHR'S VISIT THERE. THESE REPORTS INCLUDED BAHR'S MEETING WITH GROMYKO. THEY ALSO REPORTED HIS CRITICISM OF THE SMALL ROLE WHICH THE SOVIET UNION PLAYS IN AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN HIS PRESS INTERVIEW FALIN DEFENDED THE SOVIET PERFORMANCE. STOESEL

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